

# **Vocabulary for the Roman Empire**

## **Political Vocabulary for Roman Empire**

1. Augustus Caesar -first emperor of the Roman empire
2. Pax Romana - almost 200 years of Roman empire peace
3. Julio- Claudian - emperors related to Julius Caesar
4. Constantine - one of the last emperors that converted to Christianity also helped break the empire into east and west
5. Gladiators - hired entertainers that fought in the Colosseum
6. Nero - insane emperor that blamed the Christians for the fires in Rome
7. Barbarians - Germanic tribes (tribes from the north) that invaded the Roman Empire
8. mercenaries - paid soldiers that were not Roman Citizens
9. provinces - political divisions within the empire
10. Constantinople - the capital of the Eastern empire (renamed Byzantium)
11. Byzantine empire - eastern side of the Roman Empire

## **Social Vocabulary for Roman Empire**

1. Christ- citizen of the province of Judea people claimed him to be a messiah
2. Martyrs - willing to give your life for what you believe in
3. Pope - leader of the Roman Catholic religion (1<sup>st</sup> pope - one of Christ's disciples)
4. Gospels- 4 men who wrote about Christ's life
5. Messiah - savior
6. Disciples - followers of Christ
7. Catacombs - passageways underground where Christians met and had ceremonies
8. Fresco - painting in wet plaster
9. Mosaic - art work placing stones into cement

## **Economic vocabulary for Roman Empire**

1. Inflation - prices rise and salaries remain the same or are lower
2. Tax farmers - man that collects taxes and gives a percent to the government and keeps a percent